

# Foia Foia language

**Foia Foia** (Foyafoya), or **Minanibai**,<sup>[4]</sup> is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea, spoken in an area near Omati River mouth in Ikobi Kairi and Goaribari Census districts (Gulf Province).

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## Locations

Foia Foia is spoken in Bibisa village (7.666925°S 143.177088°E), Bamu Rural LLG, Western Province, Papua New Guinea.<sup>[5][6]</sup>

Minanbai is spoken in Moka (7.282409°S 143.461072°E) and Pepeha (7.655742°S 144.007263°E) villages of West Kikori Rural LLG, Gulf Province.

## Phonology

### Foia Foia vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e		o
Open		ä <ā>	ɑ <a>

### Foia Foia consonants

	Labial	Labiodental	Alveolar	Velar	Glottal
Voiceless stop	p		t	k	? <'>
Voiced stop	b		d	g	
Voiceless fricative	ɸ <f>	f	s		h
Approximant	w		l		

Foia Foia	
Minanibai	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	180 (2000 census) <sup>[1]</sup> 300 Minanibai reported 1980 <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Trans-New Guinea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fly River (Anim)</li> <li>▪ Inland Gulf</li> <li>▪ Foia Foia</li> </ul>
Dialects	Mahigi
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: ffi – Foia Foia mcv – Minanibai
Glottolog	mina1274 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mina1274">htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guage/id/mina12 74</a> ) Minanibai <sup>[2]</sup> mahi1249 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mahi1249">htt p://glottolog.o rg/resource/lan guage/id/mahi12 49</a> ) Mahigi <sup>[3]</sup>

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